

God at Work

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Genesis 3:8-21.

B. God begins His dealings with men with three questions.

II. Where are you?

A. All religions apart from Christianity begin with the note of man seeking after God.

1. In Christianity God seeks man.

2. This question is matched in the New Testament—wise men seek after the King of the Jews.

B. There is a theophany in the Garden—a physical manifestation of God.

C. We may not know where we ought to be or want to be, and this may be the only right answer to this question.

III. Who told you that you were naked?

A. God is not asking who let the cat out of the bag.

B. Rather, a change has occurred within that God is inquiring about because Adam and Eve disobeyed.

1. God finds us in our estrangement and immediately He moves. (I John 1:9)

2. When Adam and Eve confess, He no longer probes them.

C. God gives grace instead of punishment.

1. God Himself ultimately bears the weight of our sin.

2. We find acceptance in the beloved. (Ephesians)

3. Repentance must be a way of living for the Christian.

4. One thing we must repent of is our independence of God.

D. Acknowledging what God says is wrong allows God to be on our side.

Application questions:

1. What is God's question concerning our location?

2. What does God seek to reveal to us in asking about our nakedness?

3. How can God accept us when we merely acknowledge our sin? What does this mean?
